

Will the Sun Descend Down to Earth?

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Argument:

Saheeh Muslim, Book 40, Hadith 6852 says that on the Day of Judgment, the sun would draw so close to the people that there would be left only a distance of one mile, however this hadith contradicts the following verses from the Qur'an:

1) [It will be] on the Day the earth will be replaced by another earth, and the heavens [as well], and all creatures will come out before Allah , the One, the Prevailing. - 14:48

2) And the earth will shine with the light of its Lord, and the record [of deeds] will be placed, and the prophets and the witnesses will be brought, and it will be judged between them in truth, and they will not be wronged. - 39:69

3) And the sun and the moon are joined, - 75:9

4) When the sun is wrapped up [in darkness] - 81:1

5) Then when the stars lose their lights; - 77:8

How do you reconcile between them?

Response:

When it comes to the first verse, this will occur due to the spread of stars and the breaking up apart of the skies (see 82:1-2).¹ There is no contradiction here with the hadith.

When it comes to the second verse, the Light of Allah here refers to His Justice on that Day.² There is no contradiction here with the hadith.

When it comes to the third verse, a contradiction cannot be demonstrated, seeing that the moon's

¹ Imam ar-Razi said in his commentary on 14:48:

وتبديل السموات باننتثار كواكبها وانفطارها، وتكوير شمسها، وخسوف قمرها وكونها أبوابا، وأنها تارة تكون كالمهل وتارة تكون كالدخان.

² Imam ash-Shawkani said in his *Nayl al-Awtaar*:

المعنى: أن الأرض أضاءت وأنارت بما أقامه الله من العدل بين أهلها، وما قضى به من الحق فيهم، فالعدل نور والظلم ظلمات، وقيل: إن الله يخلق نورا يوم القيامة يلبسه وجه الأرض، فتشرق به غير نور الشمس والقمر، ولا مانع من الحمل على المعنى الحقيقي؛ فإن الله سبحانه هو نور السموات والأرض

location has not been specified.

When it comes to the fourth verse, there is no contradiction, as the sun could be wrapped up one mile away from the earth.

When it comes to the fifth verse, I fail to see how the stars losing their light contradicts the Sun coming down close to the earth.

In a nutshell, none of these verses claim that the Sun would disappear on the Day of Judgment or be in some state contradicting the hadith in question.